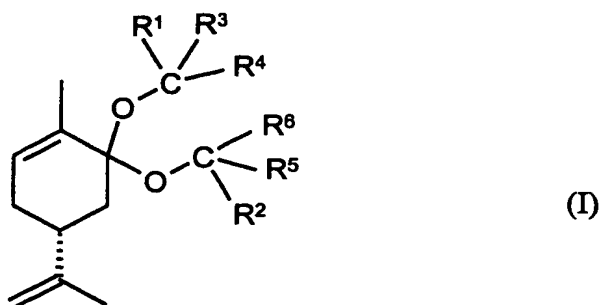


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A flavouring agent comprising a Use of (-)-carvone acetals acetal of the general formula (I)



as flavourings,

wherein:

R^1 to R^6 independently of one another denote hydrogen or an alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms; or optionally R^4 and R^6 together denote a carbon single bond or a $-(CR^7R^8)_x$ -group,

wherein x can take on the values 1 or 2, and

R^7 and R^8 independently of one another denote hydrogen or an alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

2. (Amended) A flavoring agent Use according to claim 1, wherein characterised in that, in formula (I), R^1 to R^6 denote a hydrogen atom or R^1 and R^2 independently of one another denote an alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms and R^3 to R^6 a hydrogen atom or the residues R^4 and R^6 together denote a carbon single bond and R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^5 independently of one another denote a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

3. (Amended) A flavoring agent Use according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein said (-)-carvone acetal is~~ (-)-carvone dimethyl acetal, (-)-carvone diethyl acetal, (-)-carvone ethylene glycol acetal, (-)-carvone 1,2-propylene glycol acetal, (-)-carvone 1,2-butylene glycol acetal or (-)-carvone 2,3-butylene glycol acetal, ~~are used.~~
4. (Amended) A (-)-carvone acetal selected from the group consisting of ~~(-)-Carvone~~ carvone dimethyl acetal, (-)-carvone diethyl acetal and (-)-carvone 1,2-butylene glycol acetal.
5. (Amended) A method for adding flavor to a product comprising adding to said product a flavouring agent according to claim 1. ~~Flavour and taste compositions containing a (-)-carvone acetals of formula (I) from claim 1.~~
6. (Amended) ~~Flavour and taste compositions according to claim 5, characterised in that they~~ have A flavouring agent according to claim 1 comprising a content of (-)-carvone acetals of ~~formula (I)~~ of 0.5 to 60 wt. %.
7. (Amended) A product selected from foods ~~Feeds~~ and items consumed for pleasure, body care products and pharmaceutical preparations, containing the flavouring agent of ~~(-)-carvone acetals of formula (I) from~~ claim 1.

8. (Amended) A product according to claim 7 comprising body care products in the form of
~~Body care products according to claim 7, characterised in that these are oral care products,~~
especially toothpastes, tooth gels, dental creams, dental care chewing gums and or
mouthwashes.
9. (Amended) A product according to claim 7 having ~~Agents according to at least one of claims~~
~~5 to 8, characterised in that they have a pH greater than or equal to 7.5.~~
10. (Amended) A method according to claim 5 comprising adding 0.5 to 60 wt% of said
flavouring agent. ~~Process for the flavouring of foods, items consumed for pleasure, body care~~
~~products or pharmaceutical preparations, characterised in that flavour and taste compositions~~
~~according to claim 5 or 6 are incorporated.~~
11. (Amended) A method according to claim 5 wherein said product is selected from the group
consisting of ~~Use of flavour and taste compositions according to claim 5 or 6 for the~~
~~flavouring of foods, items consumed for pleasure, body care products or~~ and ~~pharmaceutical~~
preparations.